

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Mr. Alberto Faustino Trevino, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Policy Development and Research; Mr. Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., of Florida, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; Ms. Diana E. Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board; Ms. Carolyn Y. Peoples, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; Ms. Deborah Doyle McWhinney, of California, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; Mr. John M. Reich, of Virginia, to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Mr. Rafael Cuellar, of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank; and Mr. Michael Scott, of North Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 3, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. on National Park Overflights..

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., to hear testimony on the Final Report produced by the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 9 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Agenda

Nominees

Mr. Richard A. Roth, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau; Mr. Joseph Huggins, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana; and Ms. Robin R. Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Congo.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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The Honorable Maura A. Harty to be Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs; Mr. Kim R. Holmes to be Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs.

To be introduced by: The Honorable GEORGE ALLEN, United States Senate, Washington, DC: The Honorable Ellen R. Sauerbrey for the rank of Ambassador as the United States Representative to the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations.

To be introduced by: The Honorable GEORGE ALLEN, United States Senate, Washington, DC: The Honorable Francis X. Taylor to be Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security, and Director, Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 9 a.m., to receive testimony on the nomination of Bruce R. James, of Nevada, to be Public Printer.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 10 a.m., to hold a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concerning the Joint Inquiry into the events of September 11, 2001.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 6 p.m., to hold a closed conference with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence concerning the fiscal year 2003 Intelligence authorization.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee

on Science, Technology, and Space be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., on Title IX and Science.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Robert Kerr, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the duration of the debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. 45

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 45 be agreed to and that consideration of the joint resolution be limited to debate only until Tuesday, October 8.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ARMED FORCES TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 603, H.R. 5063.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5063) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution which had been reported from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

[Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.]

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

[This Act may be cited as the "Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2002".]

SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULE FOR MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICES IN DETERMINING EXCLUSION OF GAIN FROM SALE OF PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.

[(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to exclusion of gain from sale of principal residence) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

["(9) MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICES.—

["(A) IN GENERAL.—At the election of an individual with respect to a property, the running of the 5-year period described in subsection (a) with respect to such property shall be suspended during any period that such individual or such individual's spouse is serving on qualified official extended duty as a member of the uniformed services.

["(B) MAXIMUM PERIOD OF SUSPENSION.—The 5-year period described in subsection (a)